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"SO WE KNOW WHO WAS IN THE MANSION THAT DAY, BESIDES JARVIS."

"HAWKEYE."

"CAPTAIN BRITAIN."

"SHE-HULK."

"ANT-MAN."

"WASP."



"DOWN AT THE U.N. IRON MAN WAS GOING ON SOME DRUNKEN RAMBLE ABOUT WHO OWED HIM MONEY OR SOMETHING."

"WE OUGHT TO JUST WIPE YOUR COUNTRY OFF THE FACE OF THE EARTH!"

"UH--"

"THEN JACK OF HEARTS SHOWED UP."

"HE'D LOOKED BETTER."



"IT HAD ALWAYS BEEN A DANGER THAT HIS UNSTABLE BIOLOGY WOULD GO CRITICAL, BUT NO ONE EXPECTED IT TO HAPPEN AFTER HIS DEATH."

AH,
GOT IT...

THE
QUINJET'S
BLACK BOX,
SO TO
SPEAK.

A STRANGE
TURN OF
NOMENCLATURE,
A PLACEHOLDER
NAME.

AS WITH
FLIGHT DATA
RECORDERS,
THE LAYMAN'S
TERM IS BLACK
BOX. IN FACT,
IF YOU EVER
ACTUALLY LOOK
AT THEM, THEY'RE
ALMOST ALWAYS
ANOTHER
COLOR.

**WHAT IF
THE SCARLET WITCH
HADN'T
ACTED ALONE?**

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IF YOUR
INVESTIGATION IS
MOSTLY ABOUT
RECOVERING
INFORMATION, WHAT
DO YOU NEED
ME FOR, DR.
MCQOY?

WELL,
I CAN'T LIFT
THAT SLAB,
NOW CAN
I?





AM I DONE WITH THIS?

HAWK: OH YES, YOU CAN DROP IT.

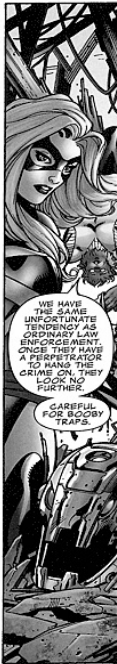


DO YOU REALLY THINK THERE'S ANYTHING ELSE TO FIND?

KRRNNKHHH

AS AN ACTIVE AVENGER, I WAS ALWAYS CONCERNED WITH THOROUGH CASE LOGGING.

WILL YOU PICK UP THAT ULTRON HEAD NEAR YOU?



WE HAVE THE SAME UNFORTUNATE TENDENCY AS ORDINARY LAW ENFORCEMENT. ONCE THEY HAVE A PERPETRATOR TO HANG THE CRIME ON, THEY LOOK NO FURTHER.

CAREFUL FOR BOOBY TRAPS.



AAHHHHH!!

THAT'S WHY I ASKED TONY TO LEAVE THE SITE UNTOUCHED UNTIL WE COULD FILE A FULL REPORT.

TRY TO FIND ANOTHER ONE THAT DOESN'T DO THAT.

ZAP



DID YOU SEE ANY MORE PARTS OF THE VISION?

YAAAH!!

I THINK JENNIFER THREW HIM OVER NEAR THE KITCHEN!



THANKS. HOPEFULLY THE COMPUTER LOGS WILL COVER THIS PART.

I DON'T THINK VISION CAME WITH A BLACK BOX.



"CAPTAIN AMERICA AND
FALCON WERE THE
FIRST ON THE SCENE."

"AS THEY HELPED
PULL OUT THE
SURVIVING AVENGERS,
THE VISION ARRIVED
IN THE QUINJET."



"HE WASN'T IN
CONTROL OF
HIMSELF."

"THIS
WILL SEEM
A BETRAYAL
FROM ME..."

"HIS BODY
DEGRADED..."

"...RELEASING A REGIMENT
OF ULTRON ROBOTS. THE
AVENGERS NEVER HAD
TIME TO CATCH A
BREATH AS THINGS WENT
FROM BAD TO WORSE TO
GOD-HATES-YOU-ALL."



A black and white comic book illustration showing a large group of superheroes gathered in front of a grand, multi-story mansion. The scene is filled with smoke and fire, suggesting a recent battle. In the foreground, several heroes are prominent: on the left, a man in a suit with a large '4' on his chest; next to him, a man in a fish-scale patterned loincloth; in the center, a man in a dark, muscular suit with a bat-like emblem; and on the right, a man in a dark suit with a large 'B' on his chest. Behind them, a large crowd of other heroes is visible, including a man with a large, rocky head, a woman with long blonde hair, and a man with a star emblem on his chest. In the background, a woman with flames for hair is flying through the air on the left, and a man in a dark suit is climbing a wall on the right. The mansion has a large arched entrance and many windows. The overall atmosphere is one of a major event or confrontation.

"OKAY, DOC. I'M CAUGHT UP
NOW. WHILE THAT WAS
HAPPENING, WE WERE ALL
GATHERING AT THE MANSION.

"WHEN THE OTHERS GOT
BACK FROM THE HOSPITAL,
WE HEARD THAT THE U.N.
HAD SEVERED ALL TIES
WITH THE AVENGERS."







YOU'D THINK, BUT THEY DIDN'T HELP ME AT THE TIME.

WE WERE ONLY HERE ABOUT 30 MINUTES WHEN NICK JURY TOLD US TO SCRAM LIKE WE WERE PLAYING STICKBALL NEAR HIS CAR.

"THAT'S WHEN THAT WHOLE KREE ARMADA SHOWED UP, BLASTING EVERYTHING IN SIGHT."



"I THOUGHT WE WERE DOING PRETTY GOOD AGAINST AN ALIEN INVASION WITH NO PREP TIME. THEN HAWKEYE..."

...NOT LIKE THIS... NOT LIKE THIS...

"HIS QUIVER WAS SO FULL OF EXPLOSIVES IT WOULD HAVE TAKEN OUT A CITY BLOCK."



"HAWKEYE COMMANDEERED A KREE SOLDIER AND FLEW HIM RIGHT INTO AN ENGINE OF THE MAIN CRUISER. I THOUGHT THE SKY HAD EXPLODED."

"AT LEAST HE WENT OUT LIKE YOU'D EXPECT-- IN A BLAZE OF GLORY."



"I'M GLAD SOMEONE SAW SOME GLORY IN THAT DAY."

"YOU LOOKING FOR SOUVENIRS, HANK?"



FALCON!



NO, SAM. I'M LOOKING FOR ANSWERS.

WE GOT ALL OUR ANSWERS. THERE'S NOTHING ELSE TO FIND.

IT'S OVER.



THEN WHY ARE YOU HERE? I THOUGHT YOU WERE RETIRED.

I AM JUST TAKING ONE LAST LOOK. THE MANSION WAS MY HOME FOR A WHILE.



THE SCALE OF ALL THIS...IT'S OVER MY HEAD, YOURS TOO.

IT'S DOCTOR STRANGE BIG.

"HELL, HE KNEW SOMETHING WAS GOING DOWN FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE PLANET.

--WITH THIS LEVEL OF MYSTIC POWER?

"HE DIDN'T EVEN HAVE TO SHOW UP IN PERSON TO FIGURE IT ALL OUT."

--WHO COULD ORCHESTRATE THIS LEVEL OF CHAOS?

"SAM...YOU KNOW CAP BETTER THAN ANYONE. I THOUGHT HE TOOK IT PRETTY HARD, EVEN MORE THAN THE REST OF US."



YEAH, WELL...

HE AND WANDA, THEY WERE HAVING AN AFFAIR.



WHOA.

WOW, WANDA AND STEVE, HOW DID THAT HAPPEN?

HOW ELSE? THEY'RE BOTH PHYSICALLY ATTRACTIVE. THEIR PHEROMONES LIKELY INDUCED AROUSAL.



BOY, IT'S PRETTY HOT WHEN YOU PUT IT LIKE THAT, HANK.

HE'S RIGHT, THOUGH.



"I MEAN, HEY, I LIKED THE VISION AS MUCH AS ANYONE, BUT WHEN YOU GET DOWN TO IT, HE WAS JUST A REALLY, REALLY, WELL-MADE MACHINE."

"WHO COULDN'T GIVE HER KIDS."

"THAT'S WHY SHE MESSED WITH REALITY AND MADE THE TWINS--KIDS THAT WEREN'T REAL. THAT'S WHEN SHE STARTED UNRAVELING."

"I KNOW IT SOUNDS GRASS, BUT WHEN SHE STARTED GOING AFTER CAP, THAT'S WHAT IT WAS ALL ABOUT. I THINK, SHE KNEW THEY COULD HAVE CHILDREN TOGETHER. I WISH THEY HAD."



SURE WOULD HAVE SAVED US ALL A LOT OF GRIEF.

STOP DIGGING IN THE WOUND, HANK. LET IT HEAL.



I THINK WE'RE DONE HERE, CAROL. GOOD DAY, SPIDER-MAN.





"AND THAT'S
WHEN IT WAS CLEAR
SHE WAS TOO DEEP
INTO HER FANTASY."

EVEN CAP
COULDN'T BRING
HER OUT OF IT. SHE
THREW HIS GREATEST
ENEMY AT HIM.



I NEVER
KNEW
SHE WAS SO
POWERFUL.



"WHEN SHE CAME OUT,
SHE STARTED CONJURING
THE BIGGEST HEAVY HITTERS
WE'VE EVER FACED, EVEN
OUR OWN FRIENDS."



"STILL TOUGH
AS IT GOT, WE WERE
STARTING TO GET THE
UPPER HAND."



THAT'S WHEN
DOCTOR
STRANGE
BROUGHT IT ALL
TO AN END.



ENOUGH!

"I'M NOT SURE JUST WHAT THE ALL-SEEING EYE OF AGAMOTTO DOES WHEN HE UNLEASHES IT LIKE THAT."

"WASP SAID SHE THINKS IT CONFRONTS MURDERERS WITH THE SOULS OF THEIR VICTIMS."

"WHATEVER IT DOES WORKS. IT WORKS SO WELL THAT YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GET ANY INSIST FROM WANDA, BECAUSE SHE'S IN A COMA."



"I THINK WE WERE ALL FEELING PRETTY SMALL BY THAT POINT."

"LIKE WE WERE JUST BEING BUFFETED BY NATURE, TRYING TO HANG ON."



"THEN HER OLD MAN SHOWED UP, WHICH USUALLY MEANS TROUBLE, BUT FOR ONCE I WAS GLAD TO SEE MAGNETO."

"IF HE HADN'T TAKEN HER AWAY, IT'D BE ME WHO'D BE CHARGED WITH KEEPING HER SAFE AND ALIVE, MOST LIKELY, AND FRANKLY, I DON'T WANT THE RESPONSIBILITY."



"THE AVENGERS WERE A BEAUTIFUL DREAM."

"WE HAD TO WAKE UP SOMETIME."



"TONY, I WAS WONDERING IF I COULD USE THE REMAINING QUINJET."

"YOU BET, TAKE THIS TOO."

"IT'S EVERYTHING MY ARMOR RECORDED."

"GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS, BARK. MAKE SURE NOTHING LIKE IT EVER HAPPENS AGAIN."



I COULD HAVE FLOWN HERE JUST AS FAST WITHOUT THE JET.

THAT WOULDN'T BE VERY COMFORTABLE FOR ME, WOULD IT NOW?

WE'RE 700 KILOMETERS AWAY, READY FOR LANDING.



IF YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A BEACH HOUSE, I CAN THINK OF BETTER PLACES THAN GREENLAND.

AT LEAST WE'RE IN THE WARM SEASON.

LOOK, HE'S HERE.



YES? WHY HAVE YOU COME HERE?

PIETRO, WE'RE DOCUMENTING THE RECENT SITUATION. I HAVE A FEW QUICK QUESTIONS...



I'M NOT TALKING TO YOU!

THE HELL YOU'RE NOT! A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE DEAD!

THE AVENGERS HAVE BEEN DESTROYED!



HE'S GONE.



OH NO, HE'S NOT.





EVERYONE USED TO SAY SHE AFFECTED PROBABILITY. THAT'S REALLY A LESS SCARY WAY OF SAYING SHE CAN ALTER REALITY.

IT DEPENDS ON HER PERCEPTION OF WHAT'S AROUND HER. HER ABILITY TO FOCUS.

"SHE CONFIRMS HER REALITY... DRAWS HER SENSE OF SELF FROM THOSE CLOSE TO HER.

"IT'S WHY SHE FUNCTIONED BEST WHEN SHE AND THE VISION WERE TOGETHER. I WILL ADMIT, I DID NOT WARM TO THE IDEA OF MY SISTER MARRYING A MACHINE-- EXCUSE ME, JINTEFOID.

"BUT WHEN SHE WAS WITH HIM, HER POWERS ALWAYS DID WHAT THEY SHOULD. HIS PRAGMATIC, MACHINE MIND GAVE HER INCREDIBLE CLARITY. BUT EVENTUALLY, HIS ENEMIES ERASED THAT MIND.

"THE CHILDREN THEY HAD TOGETHER TURNED OUT TO BE IMMATERIAL. A CORRUPTION OF MAGIC. SHE LOST EVERYTHING SHE LOVED."

NOW, IF YOU'VE HEARD ENOUGH, I'D LIKE TO GO TO GENOSHA AND SIT WITH HER.

THANK YOU, PIETRO. I WISH YOU WELL.

BACK TO THE STATES?

NOT YET. I DON'T WANT TO DEPRIVE YOU OF SNOW.

OUR LAST INTERVIEW IS IN TIBET.



COME ON!
DO WE REALLY
NEED TO KNEE
THIS SECTION OF
MOUNTAIN?

YES, IT IS THE
RESPECTFUL WAY
TO APPROACH.
LIKE KNEELING
TOWARD MECCA.

FROM WHAT I
UNDERSTAND, SUCH
TEMPLES WEAVE
ELABORATE SPELLS OF
ENTRY. ARRIVE ANY WAY
BUT THE CORRECT
ONE AND YOU'LL
SEE NO ONE.



IS THERE A
SPECIAL KNOCK?
SHAVE AND A
HAIRCUT?

NO, WE
HAVE TO LIGHT
THAT LAMP AND
KNEEL.



SIM
SALA-
SIM.



OH,
DOCTOR
MCCOY.
WELCOME.

HELLO,
WONG.



I CANNOT GUARANTEE
THE MASTER WILL SEE
YOU. HE IS ENGAGED IN
A VERY DANGEROUS
BATTLE NOW.



HE
LOOKS VERY
PEACEFUL.

HIS MOST
DIRE CONFLICTS
ARE ALWAYS
FOUGHT FROM
HERE.

SHOULD
ANY MALEVOLENT
FORCE CROSS OVER INTO
OUR WORLD, THE DOCTOR
PREFERS IT NOT DO SO
IN MANHATTAN.

WONG...



IS THIS ONE
OF THOSE THINGS
THAT SHOULD
CROSS OVER?

IT MUST
NOT TOUCH THE
MASTER!



GOTCHA.



FLEN-
CRABBOK-
NAARRH!

GYAH!
WHAT HAPPENS
IF I KILL THIS
THING?

I WILL
HAVE TO
CLEAN IT
UP.



YEEEE
AAAAHHH!!

MY
PROFOUND
THANKS, MS.
MARVEL.

TO WHAT
DO I OWE
THIS VISIT TO
MY HIMALAYAN
SANCTUM?

YOUR
INVOLVEMENT IN
THE MATTER AT
AVENGERS MANSION
THE OTHER DAY.
WE NEED MORE
FACTS.



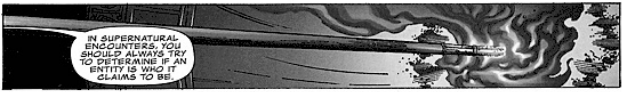
THEN YOU
SHOULD BEGIN
WITH THIS
FACT.

I HAVE BEEN
ENGAGED FOR FIVE
DAYS DEFENDING A
BORDER OF OUR WORLD
FROM AN INFERNAL
INVASION OF DEMONS
LIKE THE ONE YOU JUST
DESTROYED.

I DO NOT
KNOW WHAT
THIS MATTER
IS.



OH,
GREAT.



IN SUPERNATURAL ENCOUNTERS, YOU SHOULD ALWAYS TRY TO DETERMINE IF AN ENTITY IS WHO IT CLAIMS TO BE.



I CAN SHOW YOU FOOTAGE--

MECHANICAL DATA CAN BE CORRUPTED. THIS VIEWING METHOD CANNOT.



...THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS CHAOS MAGIC.

OF COURSE THERE'S CHAOS MAGIC. IT'S TOO DANGEROUS FOR MOST TO USE FOR THE OBVIOUS REASON-- IT'S CHAOTIC. YOU CAN'T TRACE THE REPERCUSSIONS OF IT EASILY.

I WOULDN'T HAVE USED THE EYE OF AGAMOTTO FOR THAT.

DOCTOR, IF THAT'S NOT YOU, WHO WAS IT?



LOOK CLOSELY AT HER HANDS. THAT'S DTKHO POSITIONING-- SHE'S USING MAGIC.

SCARLET WITCH GENERATED THIS ILLUSION.



SHE'S DOING IT AGAIN! MAGNETO WAS FAKE TOO!

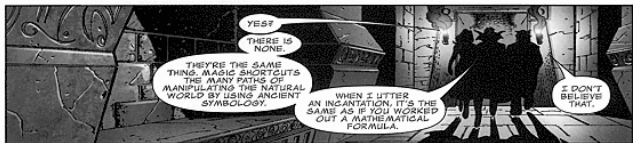
INEED.



I HAVE TO GIVE IT TO HER, SHE SUCKERED ME.

SHE FOOLED ALL OF US, BUT HOW DID SHE GET SO POWERFUL?

LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING THAT NO ONE EVER BELIEVES, ABOUT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SCIENCE AND MAGIC.



YES

THERE IS NONE.

THEY'RE THE SAME THING, MAGIC SHORTCUTS THE MANY PATHS OF MANIPULATING THE NATURAL WORLD BY USING ANCIENT SYMBOLOLOGY.

WHEN I UTTER AN INCANTATION, IT'S THE SAME AS IF YOU WORKED OUT A MATHEMATICAL FORMULA.

I DON'T BELIEVE THAT.



AS I SAID,

STILL, YOU MIGHT RECOGNIZE THE LAW OF CONSERVATION.

ONE CANNOT PRODUCE MORE ENERGY THAN IS EXPENDED. IF GREAT CHANGES ARE WROUGHT, THEN GREAT ENERGY WAS HARNESSSED.

THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS SOMETHING FOR NOTHING.



YOU KNOW WHERE ALL THE POWER CAME FROM, DON'T YOU.

I THINK YOU DO, TOO.

FROM OUR FALLEN ALLIES, ONE OF THE GREATEST SOURCES OF SUCH MAGIC.

DEATH.



"VIOLENT DEATH, RATHER, THE UNTIMELY RIPPING OF ONE'S ESSENCE.

"THE DEATH OF ANT-MAN WOULD HAVE BEEN ENOUGH TO CREATE THE KREE FORCE. THEN HAWKEYE SACRIFICED HIMSELF-THE MOST POWERFUL CHANNELER OF MYSTIC FORCE.

"THAT'S HOW EVERY FOE OR FORMER FRIEND COULD BE PRODUCED TO BATTLE YOU ALL."



THEN THE THREAT IS STILL WITH US, DOCTOR. WE WILL NEED YOUR HELP.

I MUST RETURN TO MY TASK. I WILL JOIN YOU SHORTLY.



HANK, YOU'VE BEEN AT THIS FOR TWO DAYS. COME DOWN TO THE LOUNGE.

YEAH, YOU MUST HAVE A THEORY. WHY WANDA DID ALL THIS.

I TRY TO RESERVE SPECULATION UNTIL I'VE CONSIDERED ALL FACTS. SCIENTIFIC PROCESS.

I KNOW FROM SCIENTIFIC PROCESS.

THE STRICTEST MINDS STILL TRY TO REACH THE CONCLUSIONS THEY WANT.

JUST TAKE A BREAK. WE'LL BE AT DINNER.



I AM MOST DEFINITELY NOT REACHING THE CONCLUSIONS I WANT.

WHAT DO YOU WANT, DR. MCCOY?



I JUST WANT THE TRUTH.

IS THAT SO IMPORTANT?

THE TRUTH IS ALL-IMPORTANT.



IS THE WORLD BETTER OFF KNOWING EVERYTHING?

YES, IT IS! IT IS ALWAYS BETTER TO HAVE ALL THE FACTS—



--BUT MAYBE NOW IT'S BETTER TO HAVE SOME SLEEP.

BEFORE I LOSE IT ALTOGETHER.



MUST BE LOSING MY MIND...

"DR. MCCOY, YOU'RE A BRILLIANT MAN, BUT WITH ALL RESPECT..."

Lot 616-remains of A.HARKNESS

YOU'RE
OUT OF YOUR
DAMN MIND.

THIS IS WHY
YOU CALLED
US ALL THE WAY
UP HERE?

IT'S WHERE
THE EVIDENCE
POINTS.

YEAH, BUT
THIS IS MORE
AN AVENGERS
THING THAN A
MUTANT THING.

XAVIER INSTITUTE
FOR HIGHER LEARNING

THE TWO
ARE NOT
EXCLUSIVE.

IT'S A
WHOLE WORLD
THING, AS EVIDENCED
BY OUR SILENT
OBSERVER.

I CALLED ONLY
CERTAIN HEROES.
WE NEED ALL THE
ELEMENT OF
SURPRISE WE
CAN GET.

THIS
IS JUST
WRONG.

I GOTTA SAY,
HANK, YOUR THEORY
SEEMS A LITTLE
OUT THERE.

THE BEAST IS
RARELY WRONG,
SON--EXCEPT
WHEN HE
EXPERIMENTS
ON HIMSELF.

GOOD.
HE CAME.



THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GENOSHA

UNBELIEVABLE.

YESTERDAY
IT WAS
DESTROYED.

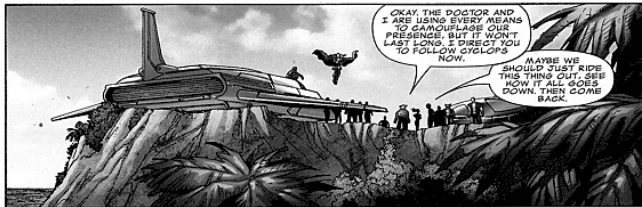
THE PEOPLE...THE
BUILDINGS...THEY'RE
ALL BACK. I DON'T
UNDERSTAND.

IT'S ALL
BECAUSE OF
HIM, FATHER.

HE'S THE
ONLY ONE WHO
HAS EVER REALLY
UNDERSTOOD
WHAT I'M
CAPABLE OF.

HE HAS THE
WILL AND DESIRE
TO BRING PEACE TO
THIS WORLD LIKE
YOU WANT.

AND
I LOVE
HIM.



OKAY. THE DOCTOR AND I ARE USING EVERY MEANS TO CAMOUFLAGE OUR PRESENCE, BUT IT WON'T LAST LONG. I DIRECT YOU TO FOLLOW CYCLOPS NOW.

MAYBE WE SHOULD JUST RIDE THIS THING OUT. SEE HOW IT ALL GOES DOWN. THEN COME BACK.

IF SHE IS AT ALL WEAKENED FROM HER RECENT ENDEAVORS, THIS WILL BE THE TIME. AFTERWARDS, IT WILL BE NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE.

SHE DOESN'T HAVE TO. HERE HER FATHER HAS A WHOLE MUTANT ARMY...

...WHO WE'RE GOING TO ENGAGE WITH THE GROUND FORCE LED BY WOLVERINE.

A SMALLER STRIKE TEAM IS FOLLOWING ME TO MAGNETO'S COUNTRY CHALET.

YOU'RE WITH ME. YOU. YOU.

A SMALL TEAM? WANDA IS A CLASS 5 MUTANT.

YEAH, I WOULDN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THAT.

CAP'S MIND IS FRACTURED—IF HE HAS A MOMENT OF CLARITY, YOU HAVE TO USE IT. IF I COME WITH THE STRIKE FORCE, I MAY BE ABLE TO HELP ANCHOR HIM.

BUT SHE WON'T BE ABLE TO THROW EVERY SUPERHUMAN IN THE WORLD AT US THIS TIME, RIGHT?

WE DON'T WANT TO REASON, SARASON. SHE'S THE MOST POWERFUL FORCE ON THE PLANET, DIRECTED BY ONE OF ITS GREATEST LEADERS. CAPTAIN AMERICA. IT HAS TO STOP HERE.

YOU'RE HERE FOR MUSCLE. YOU'RE WITH WOLVERINE.

I DON'T KNOW YOU. WHAT DO YOU DO?

I FLY AND HAVE A SHOCK THAT STUNS THE NERVOUS SYSTEM.

YOU'RE WITH WOLVERINE.

"YOU WERE RIGHT. THEY ARE HERE."









WANDA, STOP THIS! YOU'VE LOST YOUR MIND!

SHE'S NOT INSANE. THAT'S A COVER SHE HAD TO MAINTAIN.

AGAIN, A CONTINGENCY.

YOU'VE STUDIED MY STRATEGIES.

YOUR HAND WAS EVERYWHERE. THE FIRST ATTACK ON THE MANSION--WHEN YOU WEREN'T THERE.

AND WHAT AVENGER RANKED HIGH ENOUGH TO HAVE VISION'S PERSONAL ACCESS CODES? OR LAY HANDS ON HANK PYM'S ULTRON WORK?

DID VISION'S DEATH GIVE WANDA EXTRA POWER?

NO, AS AN ANDROID, HE WOULDN'T HELP AT ALL.

"THAT'S WHAT MADE ME REALIZE WANDA WASN'T ACTING ALONE. IT WAS MORE THE CHOICE OF A JEALOUS SUITOR.

"IT TRIGGERED A MASSIVE GATHERING OF SUPERHUMAN POWER. STILL, THE ONLY DEATHS WERE NORMAL HUMAN HEROES. WANDA USED THAT TO KEEP INCREASING THE THREAT.

"IT WASN'T ENOUGH TO ACHIEVE THEIR GOAL--WHATEVER THAT WAS. SO DOCTOR STRANGE AND MAGNETO APPEARED AND PUT AN END TO IT."



GOOD
WORK, HANK.
I'D EXPECT
NO LESS.

YOUR COMPETENCE
IS ULTIMATELY WHAT
DELIVERED US THIS
SETBACK.



SETBACK? WHAT
IS THIS DAMN PLAN,
STEVE? WHAT DID
YOU THINK YOU WERE
GOING TO DO??

CHANGE THE
WORLD, TONY.
END ALL THE
SUFFERING.

AS STEVE AND
I GREW CLOSE, HE
LEARNED MORE ABOUT
ME AND REALIZED WE
COULD MAKE IT
HAPPEN.

IN THE
RIGHT HANDS,
CHAOS MAGIC IS A
POWERFUL TOOL.
BUT IT REQUIRES
NOBLE SACRIFICE.
WAR ALWAYS DOES.



WAR.

THE BATTLE
OUTSIDE IS THAT
WHERE YOU HOPE
TO GET THE
POWER FOR
THIS GLOBAL
CHANGE?

IT WILL HELP,
BUT WE HAVE AN
EVEN GREATER
RESOURCE
NOW.

A TRUE
HERO.



CHARLES!

I CAME TO HELP
WANDA...

...AND FOUND
OUT THE TRUTH...
!COFF!

HANK, I
KNOW I ALWAYS
SAID ENDS DON'T
JUSTIFY THE
MEANS.

EXCUSE
ME...HAVEN'T
MUCH...!COFF!
TIME...



...WOULD... NEVER
HAVE TAKEN THIS ROUTE
MYSELF, BUT THERE IS
A RARE OPPORTUNITY...
!COFF!...

HAD
TO TAKE
IT.

I... BELIEVE
THEM... THEY
CAN...

...PUT IT
ALL...

...BACK.







WHAT
HAPPENED IN
HERE? THEY'RE
ALL GONE!



BUT...THEY'RE
SOMEWHERE
ELSE, RIGHT?
SHE
JUST SENT
THEM BACK
HOME?



NO...IT
WASN'T
SUPPOSED
TO DO THIS
WAY...

SHE CAN
BRING
THEM BACK.

CLINT—
SCOTT...



YOU'RE A
LITTLE SHORT
ON SACRIFICES
NOW, STEVE!

COME ON, MAN.
THIS INSANITY WAS
TO STOP I BLAME
MYSELF...

I SHOULD
HAVE SEEN WHAT
WAS HAPPENING
YEARS AGO.



SUPER
SOLDIER SERUM
OR NOT...ALL THAT
TIME IN THE
ICE

IT DAMAGED
YOUR MIND,
STEVE

WHAT—
WHAT ARE YOU
SAYING?



STEVE, ON
SOME LEVEL,
YOU KNOW
IT.

THE WHOLE
COVER FOR WANDA
LOSING TOUCH WITH
REALITY...THAT WAS
ALL ABOUT YOU.





HE SAW SEVERAL
OPTIONS AND
OUTCOMES AT ONCE
OF A WORLD WHERE
HE LOOKED NO
FURTHER.

IN EACH, CHARLES
XAVIER SACRIFICED
HIMSELF FOR THAT
RAREST CHANGE TO
CHANGE THE
WORLD.

XAVIER
MEMORIAL GARDEN
MURDERVILLE, OHIO

IN THE
MOST LIKELY
ONE WHERE HE WASN'T
CHALLENGED, CAPTAIN
AMERICA'S MIND LOST
TRACK AND BECAME
CONCERNED
WITH ESTABLISHING
A NEW TEAM OF
AVENGERS.

IN THIS LINE, PIETRO
CONVINCED HIS SISTER
TO CREATE A PEACEFUL
WORLD WHERE MUTANTS
WERE NOT THE
MINORITY.

ONE MAN
REMEMBERED
THE PREVIOUS
REALITY,
THOUGH.

WITH THE EFFORTS
OF ALL THE HEROES
COMBINED THEY
SHOWED WANDA WHAT
SHE HAD DONE.

SHE THEN
REWROTE
TIME AGAIN TO RID
THE WORLD OF THE
MUTANT GENE.

THE PLAN THAT
DIDN'T UNRAVEL
WAS THE ONE
MADE BY CAPTAIN
AMERICA. IN THIS
WORLD NO ONE
HAD MORE POWER
THAN ANYONE ELSE,
AND NO ONE WANTED
MORE THAN THEY
NEEDED IT COMBINED
THE IDEALS OF HIS
AND HIS WIFE'S
HERITAGE.

HERE HE AND
WANDA RAISED
THEIR CHILDREN
IN A WORLD AT
PEACE.

IN ALL
REALITIES,
HER GLOBAL
TRANSFORMATIONS
RESTORED HIS
MIND.

WHAT
HAVE I
DONE?

TO SEE SUCH
THINGS IS A
BURDEN NO MAN
SHOULD BEAR.

THAT
TASK IS
MINE.

END.



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